



ADDENDUM II

BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NOVEMBER 24, 2014

ADDITION TO CONSENT AGENDA

- Item 7A. Council Proceedings of November 10, 2014. *Update of Item 8B. B.Purchase of Lots 47 and 48 of Empire Business Park Preliminary Plat utilizing a \$750,000 state legislative grant from Senator Bill Brady and to enter into an Agreements with Central Catholic High School – Council Discussion.*

Manager, Justine Robinson, former Economic Development Coordinator, John Kennedy, former Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Director, Joy Allen, former CCHS Principal and related grant personnel.

Alderman Fruin believed there was minimal cost to the City. He noted that there were a lot of organizations using City parks. *CCHS would pay a lease fee for use of same. CCHS indicated field space required, the months, days and times for use. He believed this allowed for other program uses. This park land dedication fulfilled the demands placed on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. CCHS had provided a key for the City to use their facility. He was not aware of another organization to do same. There have been other private/public partnerships. He cited alley vacations or street dedications as examples. He noted road extension and business benefits. There had been discussions about the lack of parking and park land on Ekstam Dr. He believed this was an opportunity to resolve same.*

Alderman Lower was uncertain. He acknowledged Alderman Stearns' concerns. He believed support of the agreement could bring in revenue.

Alderman Painter questioned lighting and practice times. Football practices would end by 6:30 p.m. She questioned edification language. Jeff Jurgens, Corporation Counsel, addressed the Council. The contract had mirror language.

Motion by Alderman Fruin, seconded by Alderman Black that the Purchase of Lots 47 & 48 Empire Business Park and Agreements be approved, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents, and the Resolution adopted.

The Mayor directed the clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Painter, Hauman, Sage, Fruin, and Black.

Nays: Alderman Schmidt, Lower, Mwilambwe and Stearns.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

SUBJECT: Text Amendment to Chapter 1. Adoption of Administrative Adjudication System

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: Recommend that the Text Amendment to Chapter 1 City Code Relating to Ordinance Enforcement through Administrative Adjudication be approved and the Ordinance passed.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK: Goal 1. Financially sound City providing quality basic services.

STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE: Objective 1d. City Services delivered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner.

Recommended by:

David A. Hales
City Manager

David Hales, City Manager, addressed the Council. He noted that discussion to acquire land for the expansion of McGraw Park originated in 2009 and with a \$31 billion State of Illinois Capitol Bill. He had spoken with Senator Brady who stated each legislator was given an allocation. There was short timeframe to make recommendations. They receive numerous requests. Central Catholic High School (CCHS) requested in 2009 to expand McGraw Park. CCHS stated that expansion would be non exclusive and used for football practice. Mr. Hales noted that they currently lease land at the Central Illinois Regional Airport. The lease expires 2015.

The bill provided the opportunity to acquire approximately four (4) acres. It would allow CCHS to have a practice football field, and allow for provide soccer fields. The public would have use of same after the football season. CCHS would enter into \$1,700 yearly lease agreement. CCHS would also spend \$20,000 to improve and develop the land.

Alderman Black was conflicted. He noted that the expansion was not part of the Parks Master Plan. He questioned rejection. Mr. Hales believed the money would go to another municipality. Senator Brady would make the determination.

Alderman Black believed accepting the grant benefited the community.

Alderman Mwilambwe questioned land use for soccer fields. Mr. Hales responded affirmative. He noted that the agreement required CCHS to develop a concept plan. The plan would be subject to approval.

Alderman Mwilambwe questioned cost. Mr. Hales stated \$2500 for turf management.

Alderman Hauman questioned current tax rate. She questioned tax dollars received from same. Mr. Hales believed the rate was farm land and dollars received were low.

Alderman Hauman questioned other land for CCHS' use. Mr. Hales stated none close to the school.

Alderman Stearns noted that once the City was owner the land would be tax exempt. She believed this was not a proper way to spend public money.

Alderman Fruin acknowledged representatives from Central Catholic High School (CCHS) Sean Foster, Principal and Doug Atkins, Athletic Director. He recognized Gary Lambert and concerns raised. He addressed the belief that there was a conflict of interest. Meetings had been held for the past two (2) years with Senator Brady, David Hales, City